

SYLLABUS
PLP Preliminary Language Program 2014
ITL 2011

Intensive Intermediate Italian

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Schedule

15 hours a week

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 1:00 - 4:00pm; Fri: 9:00-12:00 am

Occasional visits in town for general orientation and activities.

Aims of the Course

*The course is intended for students
with two or three semesters of previous Italian*

The objective of the course is to provide the students with the basic linguistic ability to cope in everyday situations.

Practice will take place in all four basic skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing, with opportunities for self-expression in concrete situations.

Visits will be arranged to the following places: Market (S. Ambrogio); Library (Biblioteca delle Oblate); Post office (Poste Centrali), Florence: past and present (S. Frediano), and others to be scheduled during the course

Grading

Attendance (more than two unexcused absences will lower the grade), punctuality, outside assignments, class participation, weekly tests on Friday, written and oral final exams.

Notice: There will be no class on Friday, October 17, due to a CSU field trip, therefore the weekly exam will take place on Thursday, October 16.

21, 22, 23 October 2014: oral exams

24 October: written exam

Dates of exams cannot be changed to adjust to students' individual needs

General basis for grading: 1) results of the exams and the final exam; 2) class participation; 3) attendance; 4) outside assignments.

Bibliography

- Gloria Venturini, *Lezioni di italiano*, livello principiante-intermedio, Edizioni Medicea 2012 (40 euro)
- Additional material to be provided by the instructor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Italian Language students

RE: Italian Language courses, addition to the syllabus

FROM: The Italian Language Department

Attendance to these courses is mandatory and more than two unexcused absences will lower the grade (excused absences will be accepted for serious medical reasons or serious emergencies).

More than **five unexcused absences** will result in failure of the course.

In order not to disrupt the class, punctuality is required. Students are expected to be in class at the beginning of the class hour; any delay exceeding ten minutes will be considered an absence.

During the academic year photocopies and other material will be distributed in class by the instructors. Students who have not been in class are responsible for getting the material from their classmates and making their own photocopies. All assigned homework should be completed prior to entering the class.

Use of the computer in class is restricted to oral presentations.

The language spoken in class is Italian. No other activities such as eating, etc. are allowed.

Dates of exams can not be changed for individual needs. Students should take note of the dates and hours of the midterm and final exams and plan their trips after the last exam. It is important to tell friends and relatives about this so they do not surprise you by buying tickets for you for trips to be made before that date. Missing the midterm or the final exam will mean failure of the course.

Remember that during the PLP there are weekly exams every Friday from 10:00 – 12:00, students missing that exam will receive an F.

The completion during the PLP of one of the Italian Language courses ITL101 I, ITL102 I, ITL201 I or 301 I is prerequisite for admission to Italian classes in the Fall Semester. The completion of two of the Fall Semester Italian courses is prerequisite for admission to Italian classes in the Spring Semester.

Incompletes will be allowed only for serious emergencies and must be completed within two weeks.

Professors are available, by prior appointment, for short clarifications and explanations, during office hours.